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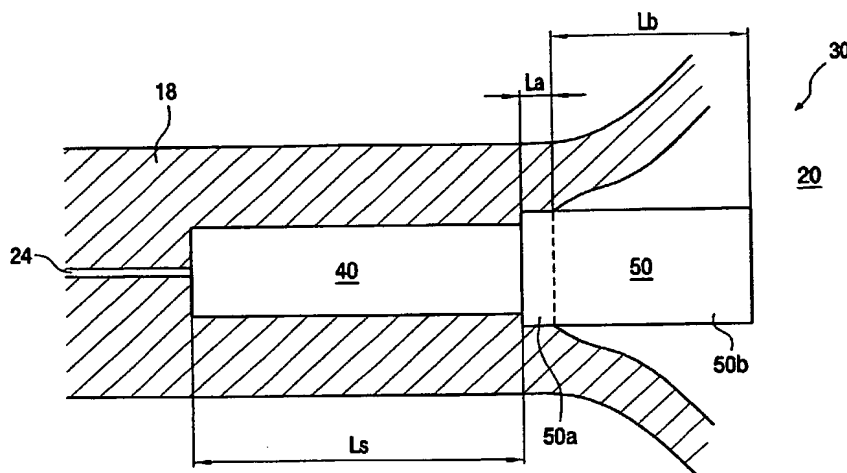
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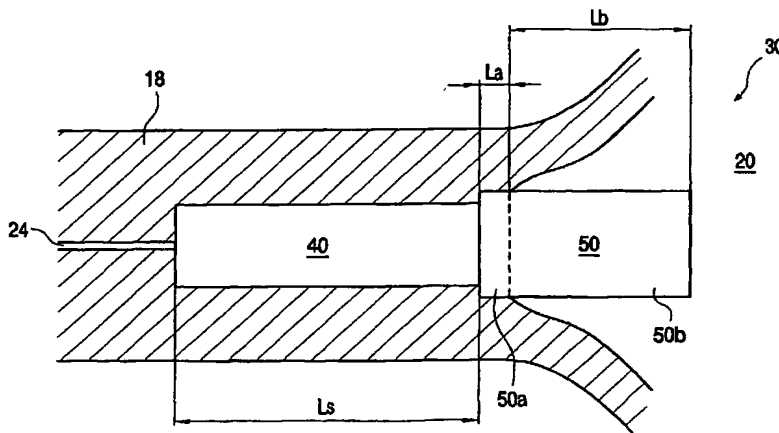
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wherein the head part and the shaft part are made of different materials.

2. claims: 1 (second alternative); 2-12 when dependent therefrom

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wherein the head part and the shaft part have different diameters.
